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September 10, 1929.

I beg to report that at 5.30 p.m. September 8, Agent No. 4 Nee Ts Meng (李兆明) of the Intelligence Section was arrested on Tsing Yuen Road, Chapei, by a member of the 6th District Kuomingtang Branch and was subsequently detained for the night at the 5th District Police Station, Chapei, on a charge of representing himself to be a reporter of the Min Kuo Pao under the assumed name of Lee Ping Su (李平素). Agent No. 4 used this device on former occasions to assist him to attend labour union meetings and Kuomingtang meetings which otherwise he could not do.

In order to secure his release, D.S.I. Papp and C.D.S.I. Koo Wei Tsing made representations at the Public Safety Bureau at 10 a.m. September 9. On obtaining Col. Yuan Liang's consent for his release, D.S.I. Papp and C.D.S.I. Koo proceeded to the 5th District Police Station, Chapei, where difficulties were encountered owing to the fact that Agent No. 4 was arrested by a member of the 6th District Kuomingtang Branch and to secure his release their permission had also to be obtained. This difficulty was complicated by the fact that the 6th District Kuomingtang Branch had referred the matter to the Kuomingtang Headquarters for decision. To overcome these obstacles a representative of the 6th District Kuomingtang Branch and one from the Kuomingtang Headquarters were summoned by the Inspector in charge of the 5th District Police Station and after consultation with them they agreed to release Agent No. 4 on the condition that the man will be returned to them if required by their headquarters. It being a face saving device, D.S.I. Papp and C.D.S.I. Koo gave a written guarantee on the latter's visiting card to this effect. D.S.I. Papp had also to promise that the Min Kuo Pao's name will not be used in the future before Agent No. 4 was released. The agent was freed at 12.45 p.m. September 9.

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At 11.50 p.m. September 9, C.D.S.I. Koo Wei Tsing explained the matter to Chen Te-tseng, Chief Editor of the Min Kuo Pao. In return Chen Te-tseng requested C.D.S.I. Koo to give him a letter promising that the name of the Min Kuo Pao will not be used by the Intelligence Section agents in the future.

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& must take
his chance

he was
working in the
interest of the
public & there
is no question
of malice
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I respectfully submit that should this request be refused, the difficulties in negotiation in cases of a similar nature will be greatly enhanced.

This case illustrates clearly the enmity of the Kuomingtang towards the Council and that it will stop at nothing to cause the S.M.P. embarrassment.

E. Papp

D. S. I.

A/ D. C. I.

I have given instructions to members of the staff to ignore Chen Te-tseng & suggest that any communication from him or the Kuomingtang on the matter be consigned to the W.P.B.

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He was attending a Labour Union meeting. I am afraid it is pure spite instigated by lack of discretion in letting the Labour Union people ^{not} know.

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